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Ms. Hightower,


This is a follow-up to our conversation this afternoon regarding getting a request for certified copy of a document expedited in this patent file, 09/269,723.

It is my understanding that prior to the Office of Petitions becoming involved in attempting to find this file on February 27, 2006, a request for certified copy of Paper #10 (received by the USPTO October 10, 2001 and titled "Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132"), was filed with your office and subsequently returned to requestor because the patent file could not be located. After a month of searching for the file, it was just routed back to us today.

It is my understanding that JoAnn Shaub of Specialized Patent Services (703-415-1555) will be delivering a renewed order for certified copy of Paper #10 to your office.

Any assistance that you can provide them would be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,


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